

**SENATE BILL NO. 144**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS BISHOP, Revak, Costello, Coghill, Gray-Jackson

Introduced: 1/21/20

Referred: State Affairs

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 44.12.061. Walter Harper Day.** Walter Harper Day is established on  
5 June 7 of each year to honor Walter Harper, who in 1913 became the first person to  
6 summit Denali, for his superb subsistence skills, his integrity, his strong sense of  
7 identity and purpose, and his ability to navigate comfortably in both the Athabaskan  
8 culture and other cultures of the United States. Walter Harper Day may be observed by  
9 suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.